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LAST SATURDAY'S RESULTS

All Age.

Leichhardt Juniors beat Plym
2—1.
Glebe Diamonds beat Five
3—2.
City United the bye.

A Grade.

Newtown and Balmain St. M
played a scoreless draw.
Leichhardt beat Alexandria
Easton Park beat Sunlight
Lilyfield the bye.

B Grade.

Rozelle Waratah beat Punch
2—0.
Banksmeadow beat Annan
Federals 4—1.
Lilyfield beat Warren Avoca
Leichhardt the bye.

C Grade.

Wentworth Juniors beat R
Waratahs 1—0.
Lilyfield beat Leichhardt 1—
Balmain Gladstones and Five
scoreless draw.
Annandale Waratahs the by
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Soccer's March of Progress

(By J.F.B.)

any organisation of any importance in the sporting world has places on its progressive march which it takes its bearings up its results, and prepares for the future. It is as a man who, after steadily climbing up the ascent of a long and arduous path, reaches the summit of the mountain, looking around, from his vantage ground, on the surrounding country, choosing his path for the future, and in deciding his course, guided by the nature of the country he has traversed, by the difficulties encountered and the progress he has made, spurred on to greater efforts, the realisation of the strength and capacity for the work which has crowned his toils.

led to the Soccer code in South Wales, such a vanguard has been reached at in the history of our country. Welcoming to this State team, we are commencing not only our progress, the steps of the pioneers of over 45 years ago, but we are measuring our strength for a new effort in the future, by the experience in the

our own association has played in securing a large part New presence in Australia of the football arena. The State was instrumental in being over the Commonwealth

with altruistic principles to other States not situated as New the pinnacle of achievement. Interested in its to consummate the

ideal of those pioneers who had labored assiduously for a score of years prior to this period to induce the British controllers to send a team to Australia. It is fitting, at this juncture, that we should recognise with enthusiastic admiration the worth and value of the pioneer's splendid aims. It was the zeal and ardour exhibited by officials of our own and cognate bodies in more recent years which makes it possible for us to welcome to this great State of New

South Wales the highest talent of England's football greatness. Our kinsmen from the Homeland are virile, standard-bearers of a sturdy stock, worthy exponents of a game requiring stamina, judgment, speed, restraint, and cohesion. There is no other game sufficiently like it to invite comparison. Played as it will be by our gifted visitors, the Soccer game will surely fascinate tens of thousands of Sydney's sports patrons, and ensure largely increased patronage for the club games of the immediate future.

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Some of the stalwarts who, by the excellence of their spade work made the presence of the Englishmen in Australia possible, have passed "beyond the voices of men," but happily some are still with us and prepared to labor further for the advancement of the game. "The old," it is said, "live in the past, and the wise live in the present." Nevertheless it is proper that the workers of past years should be accorded our mode of praise.

To-day, probably many will witness their first game of Soccer. It would be interesting to record the opinions of Australians of a pastime which attracted a crowd of 101,700 to witness the final of the Scottish Cup, when Celtic defeated Glasgow Rangers by 5 goals to nil at Hampden Park.

Although the game in New South Wales is advancing, the rate of progress may not be considered fast enough by some well-wishers. Far better to move slowly and consolidate the position, rather than to commence with a cyclonic rush and afterwards experience a dead calm. There is yet much work to be done before attaining the summit and displacing a rival code for



The Australian Team against New Zealand.

supremacy, work that will entail sacrifice and untiring effort. There is sure to be different opinions as to how that ideal may be achieved, but the development of the real spirit of sport and the generous outlook will surely function in the deliberations of those entrusted with the guidance of Soccer's destinies in New South Wales.

In New South Wales there are 450 teams, exclusive of school-boys, with a total playing membership of 7000. The State Association, which is affiliated to the Football Association (Australia) Limited, controls branches comprising:—Metropolitan Association, Northern Districts Association, South Maitland Association, Illawarra District Association, Western District Association, Central Northern Association, and Granville Association. In addition to these organisations, the game is well established at Katoomba, Lithgow, Cootamundra, Goulburn, Wagga Wagga, Canberra, Armidale, Harden, Lismore and other country centres.

The Metropolitan Association controls the premiership games in the County of Cumberland. In that area there are also seven junior associations conducting activities, in addition to the Protestant Churches' Association and the Railway and Tramway Association.

The game is firmly established in the State Schools. Under the aegis of the P.S.A.A.A., competitions are conducted weekly, and periodically games are arranged with other States. The knowledge of the game possessed by the boys is commendable, and augurs well for the future of the code. In the Sydney area there are 123 schoolboy teams, 33 in Newcastle, 10 in Illawarra District, 14 in South Maitland, and 20 at Granville, a total of 200 teams.

Interesting Part

After watching the game season one cannot but be fact that the pace at which are played has increased enormously, and this can be attributed to an influx of young, keen trained players to the ranks. The centre forward after receiving the ball, does even a second or is slow in away, has little hope of headway, and the tricky who tries to beat two or players before thinking of to his partner seems to be out of date. Speed is and the front rank which away at top speed as soon ball is served up to it is which notches the goals. Its members have not got "dinky" little tricks and pings off by heart. The little time for dribbling, lishes fast and accurate, and shooting and fast between the opposing team is said to be the game in the English competitions will be interesting to compare styles of play of the visiting team and our Australian team.

In 1914, at the Commercial Association meeting, a Social was proposed to be New South Wales, all to participate. Perhaps suggestion may appeal to officials for next season.



The Canadian Soccer Team.

The English Players

English team comprises capable of showing the merits of the code, and thus popularise the game about Australia. They have admirable merit of youth—they have forced their way to prominence during the last

also played for the North and for England versus Belgium this season.



Charles W. Spencer.

FULL-BACKS.

Cecil Poynton (Tottenham Hotspur), from Brownhills (Staffs.), joined the 'Spurs' two seasons back from Ton Pentre, in the Welsh League, whence came Seed. First tried as a half-back, he is a strong, vigorous defender of 5ft. 10in., and 11st. 10lb.

T. J. Whittaker (Arsenal), an Aldershot player developed in prominent Army football. He has been with Arsenal five years, was regarded as a half-back, but has valued versatility. A dashing, well-built player, useful in any department.

Stanley Charlton (Exeter City), from Bolton way, went south after helping Oldham Athletic and Rochdale. In his second season with Exeter, his record speaks of consistency. Besides being hard to beat, he uses the ball shrewdly.

HALF-BACKS.

Charles W. Spencer (Newcastle United) developed as a centre

half-back in Army games, and went further ahead on returning to his native Washington (Durham). Signed by Newcastle in October, 1921, he earned a Cup winners' medal, a cap against Scotland last year, and a second against Wales this year at Swansea. Strong in defence and built for hard work.

James Hamilton (Crystal Palace), another big centre half-back of Durham birth, served Eppleton, on Wearside, prior to joining the Army. Afterwards he went to the Palace, for whom he first made his mark in the third of the Cup replays with Notts County last season. Rapidly improving as a prompter of attacks.

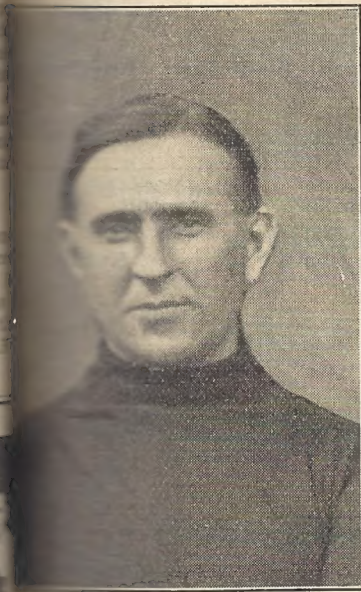


Leonard Graham.

Leonard Graham (Millwall) confessed surprise when selected for the Southern trial team this year, but thoroughly earned his cap against Wales. Also played for the League against the Scottish League. A dainty left half-back, a product of the Leytonstone Club, and a player with a future. A Londoner all through and exactly the type of half-back Australians will be delighted with.

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GOALKEEPERS.



John E. Davison.

John E. Davison (The Wednesday) born at Gateshead and raised from Gateshead Town for season 1908-9. One of the best goal-keepers The Wednesday had, he played for them against Wales in 1922.

Hardy (Stockport County) Stockport birth and trained in the County team 1920-21, and did not miss a match until called upon to play for the Football League at Belfast in October. He

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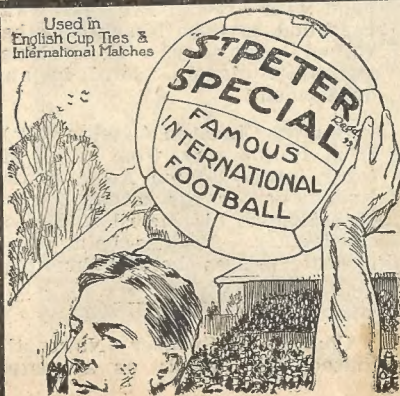
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5—S. Peel

6—Lavender 7—H. Winter 9—J. Burcham 10—C. Brennan

8—W. McCarthy

O

8—S. O'Toole

1—Robertson 9—F. Hancock 7—G. McFarlan 6—F. Baxter

5—J. Hele

4—G. Storey

3—N. Hill

2—E. Pont

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T. Bailey

Goal:

PROBABLES

(Green)

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THE ENGLISH PLAYERS.

(Continued from page 5)

Joseph Hannah (Norwich City) secured a place at right half-back in this season's international trials, revealed soundness, and also has versatility. Joined the City as a centre-forward, from Sheringham, three seasons ago.



Ernest Simms.

William Sage (Tottenham Hotspur) is of Edmonton, and another handy man, for he has played at centre-forward, centre half-back, right half-back, and outside-right in the League team. "A player of distinct promise capable on tour of figuring practically anywhere required," is Mr. Peter McWilliam's tribute. He joined the 'Spurs from the Royal Engineers in season 1918-19, and toured South Africa under Mr. John Lewis in 1920.

William Caesar (Dulwich Hamlet), the only amateur player of the party, is a Battersea-born footballer who can operate in most positions in defence, which is useful on tour. He has three times played for England's Amateurs this season—against South Africa (twice), and Wales. In the Civil Service (which the cynics say, accounts for his being able to get away). Expert in short passes.

FORWARDS.

W. Williams (West Ham United) is one of the many schoolboy internationals developed in the East End of London. Next played with Fairbairn House, and went to the United when quite a boy. A very capable forward, useful in any inside position, and promising to earn more honors.

Ernest Simms (Stockport County) played at centre-forward for England against Ireland in 1922 whilst with Luton Town. Developed with Barnsley before the war and went from Luton to South Shields, whom he left during last season. A plain, go-ahead leader and a strong marksman.

James Walsh (Liverpool), another centre forward with Stockport connections, as he was born in the town and left the County club for Liverpool in June, 1922. Chief scorer for the Anfield team last season, he has been hindered by injury this term.

H. G. Batten (Plymouth Argyle). A dashing forward, who joined the Argyle following the war, from Bristol City. He has played at outside-left, inside-left, and this season, until the recent arrival of Cock, from Everton, at centre-forward, alternately with Cherrett. He is the leading scorer of the club with 10 goals. An Irishman, and, in fact, the only non-Englishman in the team.

G. Stanley Seymour (Newcastle United), fast, quick to cut in, and the scorer of many goals from outside-left. He had Elkes by his side against the Scottish League at Everton. Another son of Durham, he sampled Scottish football with Greenock Morton after a spell with Bradford City, and joined Newcastle in 1920. Still close in the running for his first cap.

Charles Hannaford (Clapton Orient). Another schoolboy international. He joined Tufnell Park in the Isthmian League, then became a professional with Maidstone United, to serve with Charlton Athletic and Milwall before going to the Orient. An outside forward who can figure on either wing, he possesses good ball control and centres with marked accuracy. Has mastered the fact that the best place to drop the ball is on the penalty spot—just out of reach of the goalkeeper. A strong, fearless runner.

John Elkes (Tottenham Hotspur) boasts something over six feet of stature, which led the idea of trying him as a half-back early this season. Inside-left, however, is his berth. Wellington, Somerset, his birthplace, and he has been in service with Birmingham and Southampton. Another man and a big one—with League and trial honors.



John Elkes.

THE ENGLISHMEN

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The English Managers

JOHN LEWIS.

Association Football the John Lewis is a household name. He is known as "Honest John" and his fame rests very much on his tremendous success as a referee. Born at Market Drayton, Shropshire, on March 15, 1873, he was educated at St. Asaph Grammar School, and played for Blackburn in Lancs. in 1891. He then went into the business of a draper. In 1873-74 he played for the Blackburn Rovers, and then became famous by his successive triumphs in the Cup competition in 1884-85, 1886-87, 1887-88, 1888-89, 1889-90 and 1891. He began to referee in 1879, and usually acted in that capacity at the Olympic Games in 1900. He was then called into service for the occasion and he was a regular referee for 25 years. In 1894-5, 1897-98 he was in charge of the tie for the English Cup, and in 1894-95 he was placed on the management committee of the Association and became a vice-president in 1901-02—the same year he was elected to the Association. About two years later he was elevated to the position of a vice-president of this body. But he has as much to do as the Pooh-Bah, and he has all his duties in a manner, which must command respect and conscience. There is no doubt that John Lewis is deeply respected in the legislative side of the game, and its good reputation. He was principal officer of the charge of the team which went to Africa in 1920, and the consequence of the way that trip that he was able to come to Australia. He is as a referee was a man who insisted upon the rules. He was not likely to say any nonsense from any one. He was not only respected, but feared him, because they knew he was a man of his word. He said a thing he meant to do it. There was no caution from "Honest John." There is no doubt that he is almost inflexible, but he is genuinely, straight, and he looks on what he says

and any plain dealers can get along with him. A life-long abstainer from alcohol, he has never yet tried to smoke.

MR. MARK C. FROWDE.

Naturally Mr. Lewis had to be consulted as to his fellow-manager. There were several who were willing to accompany him, but there is reason for saying that he chose Mr. Mark C. Frowde, a fellow member of the Council representing Dorset.

Born in Devonport, Mark Frowde played the Rugby game for his school at Exeter, became converted to the Soccer cult, and was one of the founders of the Devon County F.A. He was a forward for Devon in Inter-county games. Removing to Weymouth in 1899 he established the Weymouth F.C., and played both for his new club and for Dorset in representative games. For 25 years he has been the hon. secretary and treasurer of Dorset County F.A. A member of the Football Association since 1899, and of course a holder of the gold long service medal.

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CLUB LEAGUE.

NEXT SATURDAY'S GAMES.

6th June, 1925.

1st Grade.

Granville v Balmain, Clyde Oval, 3.15.

Pymont v Canterbury, Canterbury, 3.15.

Gladesville-Ryde v Annandale-L., Ibrox Park, 3.15.

St. George v Eastern Suburbs, Sydney Cricket Gnd. No. 2, 3.15.

2nd Grade.

Granville v Balmain, Clyde Oval, 1.45.

Pymont v Canterbury, Canterbury, 1.45.

Gladesville-Ryde v Annandale-L., Ibrox Park, 1.45.

St. George v Eastern Suburbs, Sydney C. Ground No. 2, 1.45.

CLUB LEAGUE.

A Division.

Annandale-Leich, v Callan Park, Callan Park, 2.15.

Pymont v Sunlight, Sunlight Sports Ground, 3.15.

Lane Cove v North Sydney Rangers, Tantillion Park, 3.15.

Auburn v Bal. Colliery, Easton Park, 3.15.

B Division.

Botany v Bankstown, Bankstown, 3.15.

Alexandria v Eastern Suburbs, Erskineville Park, 3.15.

R.A.N. v G. R. Holcombe, Lyne Park, 3.15.

RESULTS OF LAST SATURDAY'S GAMES.

1st Grade.

Granville beat Gladesville-Ryde 5—4.

Balmain beat Eastern Suburbs 2—0.

Canterbury beat Annandale-Leich. 3—0.

Pymont drew with St. George 1—1.

2nd Grade.

Granville beat Gladesville-Ryde 5—2.

Pymont beat St. George 2—1.

Balmain drew with Eastern Suburbs 1—1.

Annandale-Leich. beat Canterbury 1—0.

2nd Grade, A Division.

Callan Park beat Lane Cove 5—0.

Auburn beat Sunlight 3—0.

Bal. Colliery beat North Sydney 3—0.

Pymont beat Annandale-Leich. 3—0.

Management Committee of the Metropolitan Soccer Football Association, 1924.



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B Division.

Alexandria beat Botany Albions 2—0.

Eastern Suburbs beat G. R. Holcombe 5—2.

R.A.N. and Alexandria drew 1—1.

PREMIERSHIP TABLES.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Granville	6	6	0	0	23	7	12
Balmain	6	4	2	0	14	8	8
Canterbury	6	4	2	0	14	10	8
Gladesville	6	4	2	0	17	14	8
Pymont	6	2	3	1	9	13	5
St. George	6	1	3	2	8	10	4
Annandale	6	1	4	1	8	15	3
E. Suburbs	6	0	6	0	5	21	0

2nd GRADE

Granville	6	4	—	2	16	5	10
Balmain	6	4	1	1	10	4	9
Ann. Leichhardt	6	3	1	2	5	3	8
Canterbury	6	3	2	1	10	6	7
Pymont	6	3	2	1	8	8	7
Gladesville-Ryde	6	1	3	2	13	17	4
E. Suburbs	6	—	3	3	5	14	3
St. George	6	—	6	—	3	13	0

2nd GRADE

A Division

Auburn	5	5	—	—	11	1	10
Bal. Colliery	5	3	1	1	10	4	7
Pymont	5	3	1	1	12	4	7
Sunlight	4	1	1	2	9	10	4
N. Sydney Rgs.	5	1	2	2	7	10	4
Callan Park	4	2	2	—	11	7	4
Ann-Leichhardt	5	1	4	—	4	13	2
Lane Cove	5	—	5	—	5	20	0

B Division

Alexandria	5	4	1	—	22	6	8
R.A.N.	5	3	1	1	27	9	7
Bankstown	5	3	1	1	16	6	7
Botany Albions	5	3	2	—	18	11	6
E. Suburbs	5	1	4	—	8	29	2
G. R. Holcombe	5	—	5	—	5	35	0

WHAT OF THE REFEREE?

Who will referee the E games? That is the question which is agitating the local Soccer fans. It is generally acknowledged that V Wright, of the Sydney Referee Association, is the best referee in Australia. He will officiate the N.S.W. v. England match on May 30. For the other matches the selection is not easy, and ever is appointed there is a "kick" for someone. A referee with a good knowledge of the game and proficient in interpretation of the off-side rule is essential. The New South Wales Examination Board need to hustle as, to date, only a few members examined is out of proportion to the number of games in the competition. The Sydney, Newcastle and Warra branches. Anyway, a higher standard required for the Inter-Cup, Interstate and national matches than the present arrangements for the premierships games. Who are handling the club in a capable manner are deserving of selection in the big matches of this month and next, perhaps.

FASTER SOCCER.

THE OFF-SIDE RULE.

ENGLISH OPINIONS.

A view to speeding up the game and eliminate unnecessary stoppages, many drastic changes in the off-side rule are being considered. With the idea of giving a practical test to some of the proposals the Football Association (Eng.) decided that various games be played. A few are now available which have been culled from the "Athletic."

At Norwich, Cambridge University and the Third Division club which in which the proposal for off-side shall be governed by the aid of three defenders is in force. The referee is R. G. Pilch, of Norwich, a man of wide experience, in control of the North v. amateur international match of 1922. He writes:

"I am delighted with the success of the experiment, but would like to see the proposal under examination in a really competitive game. In this match the new lines were an improvement on the existing off-side law. Anything that tends to give more football and to put a stop to 'that confounded whistle' is good for the game. With the lazy type of back, however, the 40 yards lines will not be popular."

These opinions are welcome, and contribute to a difficult problem. The experiments to follow may bring a wide divergence of views, but will have been well worth while, for the off-side law is a fundamental of Association football, and its alteration would not have been justified, despite the dismal and aggravating displays of off-side trickery witnessed during recent seasons, without the practical investigation these exhibitions afford.

NOW A BENEDICT.

Alf. Gallagher, a great forward, and prolific scorer, recently joined the benedicts. Alf's football days are over, but last year he often came to the rescue of the Sydney Club when many of its players were laid aside with injuries. Gallagher is wished every success in his new sphere of life. He can, however, be relied upon to give the Eastern Suburbs Club a helping hand in advice and training.

PERSONALS.

Recommends Tamworth.

Gus Hein takes a keen interest in the doings of the Dowling Street Depot tramway team. Last week end the eleven travelled all the way to Tamworth, and were given a wonderful time. The troups won by 5 to 3, and Gus recommends Sydney grade teams to go to the northern town if they are looking for a good time. The Tamworth men are good sports, and when the tramway eleven stepped off the train they were met by a fleet of motor cars and driven all over the prosperous town.

A Versatile Player.

Jimmy Herron, who is playing as a full back to Canterbury, is recognised as one of the most versatile players in the code. In pre-war days, the sandy-headed one from Scotland was recognised as one of the best inside lefts. He figured with the great Sydney first grade team when they won the Rawson Cup and premiership, but failed in the Gardiner Cup by 1 goal to nil. Herron can play in almost any position, and it is claimed by Canterbury's followers that before the season closes redoubtable Jimmy will figure in a match against the Englishmen.

J. Brunt, secretary of the Riding F.A., reports "a decrease in the stoppages on the off-side—only seven in all. It is equally important the referee's task was simplified, and decisions were not open to question."

It is necessary, however, to do away with the half-line, except across the centre, as three lines may cause confusion," He adds:—

"The game was speeded up, but the result was not there. It seems that this system play will be faster and clever. Is it worth while to speed football for speed? There is a fair balance between attack and defence, as far as can be, if the scales are well adjusted."

J. T. Howcroft, of Bolton, reports of the match at Homebush between Clapton Orient and Clapton Wanderers teams, that the forty yards system.



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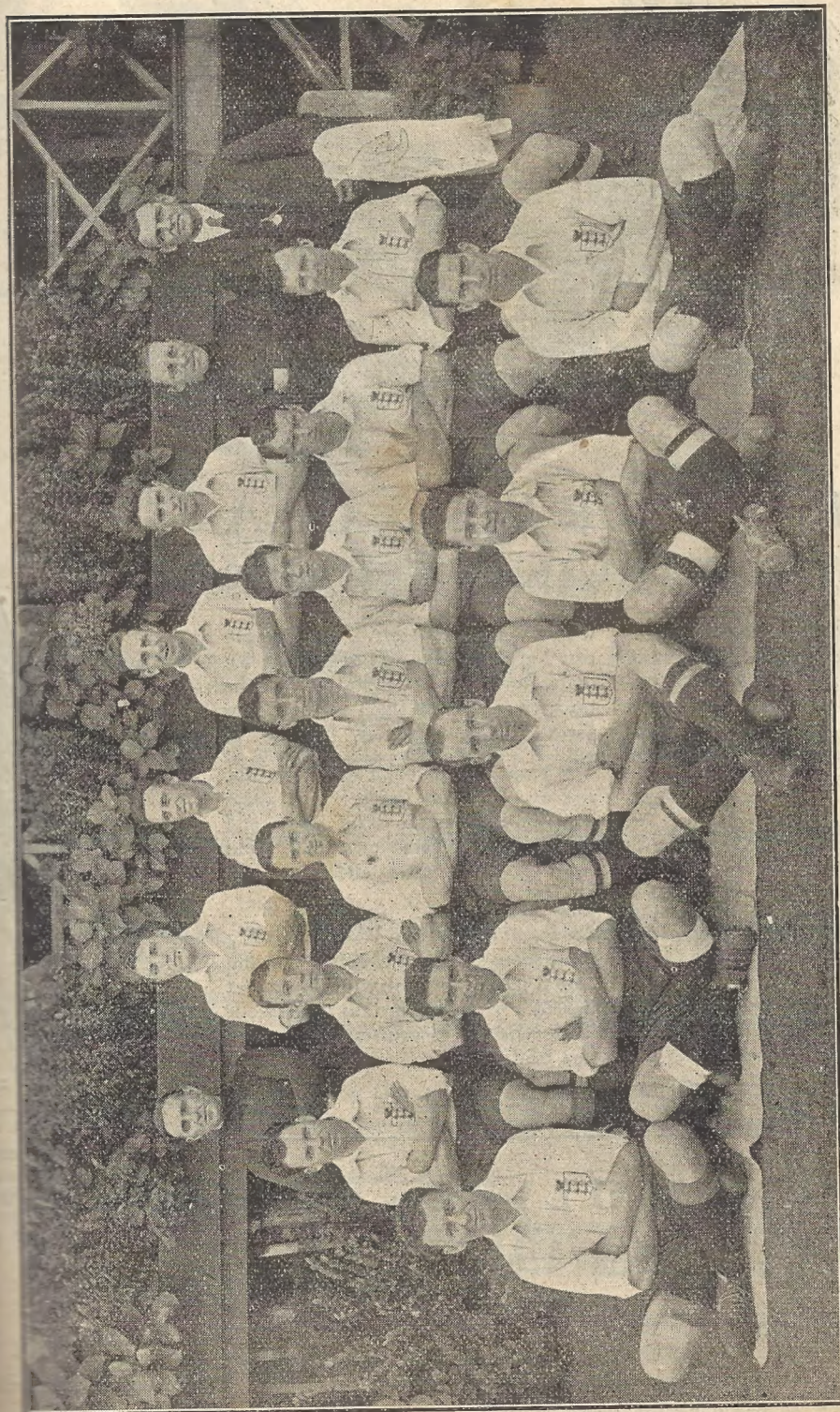
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